

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Gordon Vance, on February 23, 2017 at 12:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Gordon Vance, Chair (R)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dee Brown (R)  
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)  
Sen. Jen Gross (D)  
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Sen. Roger Webb (R)  
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Carlie Boland (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch  
Tia Stockton, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 311, 2/20/2017

Executive Action: SB 311 - Do pass

00:00:02 Chair Vance

**HEARING ON SB 311**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:36 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 311, Revise commercial drivers license laws for military skills test waiver.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:28 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)  
00:02:58 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:03:22 Sen. Brown  
00:03:34 Mr. Stang, MCM  
00:03:52 Sen. Gauthier  
00:04:14 Sen. Whitford  
00:04:40 Sen. Buttrey  
00:04:56 Sen. Whitford  
00:05:13 Sen. Buttrey  
  
00:05:23 Sen. Pomnichowski entered the meeting.  
  
00:06:17 Sen. Whitford  
00:06:27 Sen. Gauthier  
00:06:52 Sen. Buttrey  
00:07:12 Chair Vance  
00:07:48 Sen. Pomnichowski  
00:08:07 Sen. Buttrey  
00:08:25 Sen. Pomnichowski

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:08:36 Sen. Buttrey  
00:09:00 Chair Vance

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 311**

00:09:07 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 311 DO PASS**. Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Boland was excused.  
00:09:35 Chair Vance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:10 PM

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Tia Stockton, Secretary

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